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Microsoft should not be allowed to continue to proliferate it's products at the expense of competitors. It seems that every PC comes with Windows pre-installed and Windows comes with pre-installed software such as Microsoft's Web browser Internet Explorer. This has put a huge dent in Netscape's market share of the Communicator web browser.

And then recently, I read about a recent court decision that ordered Microsoft to give hundreds of millions of dollars of free software to certain financially strapped schools. That would not be a penalty at all. It was an golden opportunity for Microsoft to further entrench itself in the school system at the expense of Apple Computer and their Macintosh platform.

In that case, Microsoft should give money to these schools to buy software and hardware from whomever they choose, giving Apple computer a chance.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

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